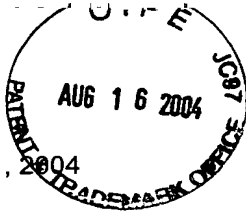
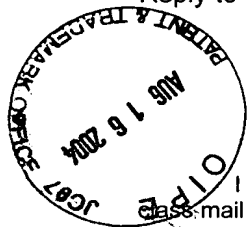


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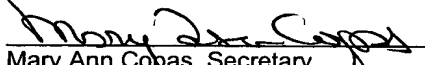


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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 05/11/2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.